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REMARKS			

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Alt Loennewitz airfield between 7 June and 1 July 1953:

7 June. There was no air activity at the field.

8 June. At 7:30 a.m., the weather was very warm and partly cloudy, intensive air activity started. The noise of piston engines and jet engines was heard. IL-10s were repeatedly observed making formation flights throughout the day.

9 June. From 8:15 a.m. until nightfall, there was air activity by MiG-15s and IL-10s.

10 June. At 4:30 p.m., MiG-15s were aloft.

11 June. At 11:30 a.m., source heard the sound of jet engines above the clouds.

12 to 15 June. There was no air activity. The weather was partly cloudy or cloudy.

16 June. No air activity was observed in the evening.

17 June. Between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., the noise of jet engines making test runs was heard. Between 10:50 a.m. and noon, a few MiG-15s made short flights over the field.

18 and 19 June. There was no air activity.

20 June. During the morning, swept-back jet fighters practiced local flying. There were no clouds. Only two MiG-15s which took off at 10:50 a.m. practiced diving. After 9:40 a.m., IL-10s made local flights. At 7:45 a.m., 37 IL-10s and 9 MiG-15s, including 6 of the alert flight, were counted at the field.

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21 June. There was no air activity.

22 June. No air activity was observed. At 6:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m., diving and dogfighting was practiced over the field by MiG-15s which, probably, had taken off from another airfield.

23 June. After 8:45 p.m., night flights were made by Il-10s.

24 June. MiG-15s [] practiced flying individually and in formations.

25 June. Between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. the sky was overcast and the loud noise of jet engines and bursts from aircraft weapons were heard from the southeast. Source believed that the planes came from another airfield as no air activity was observed at Alt Loennewitz airfield during the morning. At 12:30 p.m., local flights were made by MiG-15s, some of which flew with extended landing gears.

27 June. No air activity was observed. There was a scattered cloud base. At 9 a.m., 35 Il-10s and 6 MiG-15s of the alert flight were parked at the field.

30 June. Four Yak-11s landed at the field.

1 July. There was intensive air activity by MiG-15s and Il-10s. During daytime, formation flying and diving was practiced and, at night, there was firing with live ammunition at a sleeve target which was towed by a swept-back jet fighter, while searchlights were in operation. Five

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2. On 20 June, 10 completed shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments and 2 revetments under construction, 50 to 80 meters apart, were observed at the northern edge of the field on either side of the old road to Falkenberg. Additional revetments under construction were located north of Alt Loennewitz park and another 6 at the southern edge of the field, 300 meters west of Alt Loennewitz and 40 to 80 meters north of the fence. One completed revetment was just west of the AA gun emplacement, about 200 meters north of the southern edge of the field. Walls of earth, which possibly were additional shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments, were observed along the edge of the woods, southwest of the repair hangar and eight more of these earth mounds were located about 200 meters south of the shrapnel-proof revetments at the northern edge of the field.
3. On 25 June, five low wooden buildings, each about 5 x 20 meters, were observed in the northern section of the target range. Old wooden ammunition crates were stored along the northern side of one of these five buildings.
4. The AA gun emplacement at the southern edge of the field was occupied by six guns in early and mid-June. About 350 meters west of this emplacement was an unoccupied emplacement which had only been dug out and not yet improved by planks. At 9:10 a.m., on 27 June, EM loaded baggage onto three trucks parked in front of the school in Alt Loennewitz. Near the school were EM with baggage and officers who gave orders. At about 9:30 a.m., the three trucks towing AA guns and carrying EM left toward Liebenwerda.

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Through the open gate, source observed that two additional trucks parked in front of the school were loaded with baggage and that a third truck towed an AA gun out of the AA gun emplacement. Allegedly, the AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field has again been occupied by AA guns since 11 June. 2

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1. Comment. Alt Loennewitz airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment and a ground regiment. Training activity was conducted on the usual level. Noteworthy is the information on firing with live ammunition at sleeve targets by MiG-15s at night. This information, which is received for the first time, proves that at least some pilots of the fighter regiment have reached a very good status of training. During the riots between 17 and 19 June, there was no air activity at Alt Loennewitz airfield as at all other airfields in East Germany. The two regiments at the field were probably on alert. Aircraft is reported for the first time from East Germany. Previously, the fighter regiment was equipped with about 24 MiG-15s. It is believed that most of the planes are parked in the hangars and shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments.

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2. Comment. A light AA battery of 6 x 37-mm AA guns is emplaced at Alt Loennewitz airfield. This battery probably held an exercise on 27 June.

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